

### REMARKS

Applicants' election of Group II was acknowledged. Claim 48 has been amended to correct dependency and antecedent basis.

The Examiner indicates that the claims are directed to the following patentably distinct species:

- (1) the species directed to a biopolymer; and
- (2) the species directed to the coating of the polymer scaffold or the membrane.

### ELECTION OF SPECIES

Applicants elect species (1) directed to a biopolymer. Claims 30, 31, 34, 39-49, 54-59 and 64 are generic to the elected species. Claims 35, 36, 37, 38, 50, 51, 52, and 53 are readable on the elected species.


Applicants reserve the right to rejoin non-elected species upon the allowance of a generic claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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